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DR. STEWART'S DUTY.

CITY HEALTH OFFICER STEWART has a peculiar notion of the obligations of his position. Having discovered that a large part of the city's water supply was polluted by a case of typhoid fever in Lamb's canyon, he takes no steps, other than a simple notification to the county authorities, to eradicate the evil. Dr. Stewart is proceeding on the altogether erroneous theory that, because the source of infection is beyond the jurisdiction of the city, he has no authority to use all necessary methods of insuring the purification of the stream.

It cannot fail to be a matter of regret for all Salt Lake residents that Dr. Stewart has not realized that any pollution of the city's water supply, no matter where it may be found, is within his jurisdiction. In crises such as Salt Lake is facing, there is no time for red tape or foolish, formal ceremony. It is Dr. Stewart's business to clean the Bullock premises in Lamb's canyon, to carefully search out and disinfect all the excreta deposited there in the neighborhood of the stream and to do everything else his scientific training suggests.

While neither the ordinances nor the statutes give Dr. Stewart specific authority under circumstances such as these, no sane citizen could possibly criticize him if he usurped the authority. And in this action he would be guided by a precedent established by Dr. T. B. Beatty when he was health officer ten years ago. A case of typhoid was discovered in one of the canyons outside the technical jurisdiction of the city health officer. Nevertheless, recognizing the exigencies of the case, Dr. Beatty, without asking permission from anyone, sent men to the ranch where the fever was and saw to it that all sanitary rules were observed.

There is no doubt that his action saved the city from an epidemic of typhoid fever. We repeat that it is a pity Dr. Stewart has not acted as did his predecessor in office. The county authorities are notoriously slow about acting. Nobody can say how long it will take them to place the Bullock ranch in such shape as will render further contamination of the water in Parley's impossible. The situation is one in which delay must not be countenanced. Jurisdiction or no jurisdiction, authority or no authority, the city health department must look after this work.

And while we are on this subject we desire again to caution, not only the people who use Parley's water, but citizens generally, to boil every drop of water they drink. It is not pleasant to disagree with some so-called authorities on this subject, but we insist that analyses of city water are not of much value. We have had recent illustrations of this fact. With a case of typhoid poisoning after examination of that water showed, so far as such examinations could show, that it was pure.

Yet we know now, too late, unfortunately, that typhoid bacilli were in it. So a negative analysis is really more harmful than helpful. Of course, analyses do show sometimes that water is polluted, but unless, in the half-drop of water that is placed under a slide, a typhoid bacillus is caught, an announcement is made that the water is pure, and people are misled. The only safety lies in the medium of boiled water. This fact cannot be too strongly emphasized.

And the future safety of the city lies in the purchase of all land in all the canyons through which the water supply comes, provided that there is a possibility of contamination in any such land.

UNIONISM GONE MAD.

BY ALL THE LAWS of common justice the teamsters' union of Chicago should pay J. J. Thornton damages for destroying a set of harness and for inflicting painful injuries upon him. The story which comes out of Chicago about the treatment of Thornton by men who are alleged to be members of the teamsters' union, almost passes belief.

It is said that Thornton, who is the proprietor of a van and warehouse company and an employer of union teamsters, hitched three horses to one of his vans, filled the vehicle with children and started out with them to look at the LaSalle parade. After viewing the parade for three hours he started to drive away when he was intercepted by some teamsters who were in the parade and asked if he had a union card.

Naturally, he replied that he had no card, that he was driving his own team for the purpose of giving pleasure to some children and not for profit, and that he believed in union labor to the extent of employing it exclusively. This explanation should have satisfied Thornton's interceptors, but it did not. Several hundred men attempted to attack him but, under escort of a police detail he was able to get several blocks away. At that point the angry mob overtook him and, though he whipped up his horses for nearly a mile, his harness was cut to pieces and he was badly bruised.

If the statements made in the dispatch, which was carried by the Associated Press, are true, a more outrageous manifestation of labor tyranny was

never presented. Here was a man, a believer in unions, an employer of union labor, beaten and maltreated, his property destroyed, his life placed in jeopardy, merely because he tried to give pleasure to a few children. There is neither rhyme nor reason in such unrighteousness.

It is the sort of organized labor that will ultimately destroy organized labor. The great masses of the people who have faithfully stood by the trades unions, who have fought for them and worked for them have about reached the limit of their patience. True, the Chicago case may be an isolated example, and the Parks case in New York may be another isolated example, but organized labor cannot afford to have even isolated examples of this character.

The teamsters' union, to clear its skirts, must pay Thornton for his property and it must expel from its membership the men guilty of this outrage.

WHERE NEWS IS SLOW.

WE THINK NEWS TRAVELS very rapidly in these days of telegraph, cable, Marconiograph and telephone, and so it does, but it would be hard to convince an old Persian of the fact. Some time ago an earthquake destroyed much property and life in a town about twelve miles from the place in which this Persian dwells. Some Englishmen who were traveling through Persia heard of it to the London papers.

In London the disaster was thought of sufficient importance to be cabled to the United States. A son of the old Persian, who lives in a city in one of the central states, read the report. Knowing his father was able to read English, and believing he would be interested in knowing what the papers in the United States were printing, he sent the story to the old man. It took something like thirty-six days for the paper to reach its destination.

About a month later the son heard from his father, thanking him for his interest and saying the paper gave him his first news of the earthquake. However, with that as a basis he verified the report. When we remember that the old man lived just twelve miles from the scene of the disaster, the story is very remarkable, indeed. It is as if Salt Lake should be destroyed and a man living in Murray should get his first news of the fact through a paper published in Shanghai.

Such a thing would, of course, be impossible in this country. There is entirely too much communication between cities and towns and villages and settlements. The smallest village in Utah could not sustain a disaster without the fact becoming known to its nearest neighbors almost immediately and to the whole country within a few hours. This because of the telegraph and the telephone system which make the United States practically one great community.

The minute one or both of these systems is interrupted or broken, the moment people in one community cannot "raise" the people in another, men start out to find the reason why. And they keep going until they do find it, and then they begin working to repair the damage. In Persia where telephones are almost unknown and the telegraph lines, especially in the interior, have hardly been introduced, it is not hard to understand why news travels very slowly.

According to a report from Lander, Wyo., they are going to make a condemned man, by an absolutely new gallows contrivance, hang himself. This is rather rubbing it in, but it is a comfort to know that somebody is going to be legally hanged in Wyoming. The example is one that Utah might follow with considerable profit.

From Ogden comes the announcement that eighty-nine medals are to be offered as prizes during the eleventh national irrigation congress. If one man gets all of them he'll make a showing almost equal to the display Bandmaster Sousa wears at every concert.

Councilman Thomas says the city needs a harmonious administration. Of course modesty prevents Mr. Thomas from telling the people that the way to start a harmonious administration is to re-elect him in the First precinct.

Ability as a maker of long rides on horseback is getting to be the test of generalship in the United States army. General Baldwin, commander of the department of the Colorado, is the latest to win equestrian laurels.

City Engineer Kelsey is reported as saying that he is ready to resign from the board of public works at any time. If rumor be true, Clerk Kessler of the board is also ready—for Mr. Kelsey to resign.

A New York man who made persistent efforts to see and speak to the president was arrested by secret service men yesterday. Some people don't seem to know when they are well off.

The heart of a Chicago man has been cut in twain and sewed up again and it is said that he has a chance to recover. We always did think those Chicagoans were a stout hearted race.

A man named Riddle has been appointed consul general and diplomatic agent at Cairo. He's a good man, at least his name indicates it, to send to the land of the Sphinx.

Ninth South Street Canal.

To The Salt Lake Herald: I wish to call your attention to the condition of the Ninth South Street canal. A person cannot pass within fifty feet of it without a feeling of nausea and disgust. The city has washed the filth from some of the principal streets into it while the water is not much less than if the city were to turn the sewage onto the open streets. I noticed in your paper a short time ago that several citizens had petitioned the city council to have it abated, but it has availed them nothing. I think by making the public acquainted with these facts the health board and sanitary inspectors will doem it their duty to investigate this nuisance. There are billions of typhoid germs propagating in such a filthy place goes without saying. A. A. TAXPAYER. Salt Lake, Sept. 5.

Couldn't Be Both.

"He's an egotist of the worst sort," said the first actor, speaking of another; "he's anxious to be considered different from everyone else in his profession."

"Huh!" snorted Crittich. "That looks as if he couldn't possibly be anxious to be an egotist."

SPARKS

Help Wanted.
Sing not to me love's ecstasy,
Sing not of joy or mirth,
But sing of love's torments,
Come rippling from your throat
That will, ere winter grips the earth,
Get me an overcoat.

The ice cream soda is due to give way to the frosted pumpkin pretty shortly now.

Several persons caught severe colds while watching a fire caused by a cigarette the other night, which again demonstrates that cigarettes are a terrible menace to the health of the community.

Rough on the Track.

The passenger noted that the street car suddenly began to run much more smoothly. This sudden change from the jars and bumps perplexed him for a moment and he started to call to the conductor for an explanation, but after a glance ahead found it unnecessary. He could see for himself that the car had run off the track.

The Salvation Army is to attempt to convert the feudists of Breathitt county, Ky., and it is a safe bet that there will be many chances for promotion in the army shortly.

The powers are strongly censuring China under the belief that China has presumed to transact a little of its own business without letting them know about it.

If the Panama treaty is really dead it is apparent that the burial ceremonies are unusually elaborate.

Just by way of being polite our government has informed the Turkish minister, Cheikh Bey, that the missionaries in Turkey are all quiet, nice people, while the Turks are all a bunch of treaty busters.

An Expert on Education.

A young woman teacher of Salt Lake recently heard there was a vacancy in the schools of Ogden and applied for a position. His letter was something like this: "Our school Supt give us your letter of Aug 7 will say that we would like to get a Primary teacher who have been teaching 2000-1000 or more month but would pay \$2.50-100 per month so to have a chance of a Teacher you can get board and room with bed for 250-100 or week we will start school 18 Sep please let me know by returned mail so we will not get another I think you can make some extra with teaching music." The secretary did not state whether he intended to go to the school himself.

The latest from Serbia is that the residents will be given a slight punishment, if any—something like a suspended sentence instead of suspended anatomy, which many feel the assassins have earned.

Balkan neutrality is not the kind of neutrality mentioned in the dictionary.

A Roman editor who has just been acquitted on a charge of libeling the Italian navy has reopened his campaign against it, evidently with a view to ascertaining if it is possible to libel the officers.

The Mountain Dell school teacher who treated with familiarity the head of an irate mother armed with a gun had evidently seen women shoot before and knew he was in no danger.

Broke a Record.

A young colored woman of Salt Lake has just returned from a southern trip and boasts that she was the first "cullahd gull" to ride in a Pullman through Texas. "It was this heah way," she says. "Ah bought mah Pullman ticket at Denver plumb through to Foht Wuth. When we got to th' Texas state line th' Pullman conductah he cum around t' me an' he says t' me, 'Yeh will have t' go back into anuthah cah heah.' Ah shall not do nothin' uv th' kind. Ah says t' him, 'Ah have mah ticket heah t' Foht Wuth an' Ah shall ride t' Foht Wuth an' if yeh try t' put me off this heah cah Ah will sue this old road of yore's foh all it is worth.' He kept on foh a lil while but Ah looked him an' Ah stuck mah face right up in his'n an' Ah said 'An dah yeh t' put me off this heah cah.' An' Ah said t' him 'Ah'm no pob, scached, giggah cum th' south an' Ah fun th' no th' an' Ah know mah rights.' An' I bluffed him out, but he was awf-ful mad. Well, sah, yoh ought to see them Texas niggahs stah at me when Ah got off th' Pullman at Foht Wuth. They had nevah seen a cullahd pishon on one uv them cahs befoh an' atah Ah went t' Dallas t' visit mah cousin's

folks. Ah was the big thing in that town foh three weeks, pahly on account uv mah clo's but mo on account uv mah ride in a Pullman. Them pob souther'n niggahs they don't dah call th' souls th' own an' they made me hot th' way they acted. But when Ah came t' come back Ah was against it foh the rest of my life. I wouldn't sell me no Pullman ticket, but th'ly Ah got it fixed by takin' a drawin' in room on th' Pullman an' promisin' not t' show mah hat out th' train. I wouldn't sell me no Pullman ticket, but th'ly Ah got it fixed by takin' a drawin' in room on th' Pullman an' promisin' not t' show mah hat out th' train. I wouldn't sell me no Pullman ticket, but th'ly Ah got it fixed by takin' a drawin' in room on th' Pullman an' promisin' not t' show mah hat out th' train.

A Narrow Escape.

"Did you ever engage in an automobile race?"

"Yes, once."

"How did you come out?"

"On crutches, two months later."

SOCIETY

Mrs. George R. Hancock entertained yesterday at a very pretty luncheon in honor of her daughter, Miss Hollister Hancock, who leaves today for the east to reenter school. The guests were mainly the young girl friends of Miss Hancock and they numbered eighteen.

The long table was decorated in light pink astors and plumes, a large bowl of the autumn flowers forming the centerpiece. At each place was a bunch of the same flowers tied with ribbons and asparagus plumes was strewn over the cloth. The guests were the Misses Jane Bantz, Edith Chapman, Beth Critchlow, Marguerite Donnellan, Vera Lynn, Alveria Martin, Jessie Martin, Jane Morrison, Susan Sawyer, Grace Morrison, Nora Schekels, and Irma Walker.

Mr. Earl Rider of Philadelphia, who has spent the past week with his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, left yesterday for a visit to California.

Miss Polly Wakeling arrived yesterday from St. Louis and will be the guest for the remainder of the month of the Dickson family. She will be the maid of honor at the marriage of Miss Dickson and Mr. Schuller.

Mrs. W. F. Adams and her son Damon returned Sunday from California, where they have spent the past month.

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Wherry are home from a visit of a few days with friends in Ogden.

Judge and Mrs. Judd, who have spent the past week in the city visiting relatives and friends, will leave tomorrow for their home in Kentucky.

Mrs. Alma Katz is at home for the present with her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Tripp on G street.

Mrs. Whitman and Miss Orr leave today for their home in Fort Russell or a week's visit with Mrs. and Miss Cressy at the post.

Mrs. Bannister and Miss Emily Bannister of Ogden are spending a few days in the city.

Miss Mary Cowan and Miss Eva Thomas have returned from Spokane where they have spent the summer.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. J. Wilson are home from California.

Mrs. George Sutherland goes to Colorado Springs today for a ten days' trip.

Dr. E. D. Woodruff and family have returned from Silver Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rivers will leave today for a month's visit to Washington and New York.

Miss Hall and Miss Edna Hall spent Sunday and Monday in the city the guests of Miss Edith Sherman. They left Monday evening for their home in California, having spent the summer in the east.

Elmer B. Jones and C. D. Rookledge left Monday evening for Rochester.

Miss Laura Bird entertains today at a card party in honor of her guest Miss Sayre.

The soldiers at the post will enjoy a dance at the hall this evening.

There will be a special business meeting of the Utah State Kindergarten association this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the office of the Woman's Exponent in the Templeton.

Mrs. John W. Donnellan left yesterday morning for Sacramento.

Mrs. Glen Miller and son returned last evening from a four months' visit to New York and Boston. Mr. Miller, who was with them during the summer, arrived home a month ago. They will reside at 125 First street.

Mrs. C. A. Stair and son, Eddie, will leave for a visit with relatives and friends at Provo and Springville today. They will return Friday.

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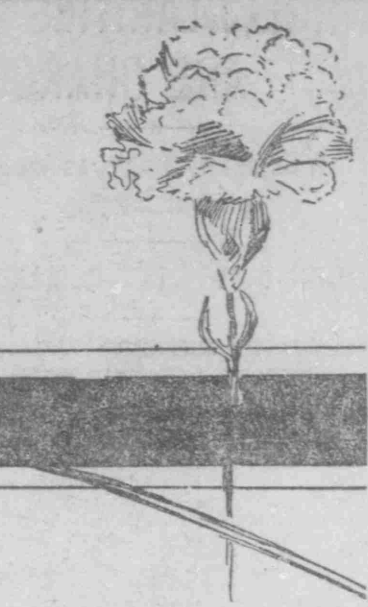
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